

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 26-39 and 43-48 remain in the referenced application. Claims 18 and 26-39 have been amended. Claims 19-25, 40-42, and 49 have been canceled.

Applicant in amending the claims has introduced additional independent claims for a total of six (6) independent claims. Applicant accordingly submits herewith a check covering the \$300.00 fee for the additional claims due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(h).

Applicant submits herewith 9 sheets of formal drawings for the referenced application with the group art unit number, application number, and drawing sheet number indicated in the upper right hand corner of the reverse side. In submitting formal drawings it was necessary to expand Figure 1 into Figures 1 and 1a and Figure 7 into Figures 7, 7a.1 and 7a.2. The specification has been amended to conform the drawing references contained therein with the drawing sheets.

Applicant has amended the specification on pages 14 and 15 to clarify the description of the wire labeling system 6. Applicant respectfully submits the amendments to the specification do not introduce new matter since the amendments merely provide a textual description for the wire labeling system 6 illustrated in Figure 7. Applicant accordingly respectfully requests the Examiner enter the foregoing amendments to the specification.

Claims 1-19 and 25-48 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,983,046. Claims 19 and 25 have been canceled, thereby rendering the above-recited rejection moot with respect to those claims. Furthermore, the Examiner admits claims 1-18 and 26-48 are not identical subject matter to claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,983,046. The Examiner however asserts claims 1-18 and 26-48 are not patentably distinct from claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,983,046. As the outstanding rejection is based upon the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and \$65.00 statutory fee in order to overcome the outstanding rejection. In view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant respectfully submits the

rejection of claims 1-18 and 26-48 has been overcome and thus requests the withdrawal of the provisional rejection of claims 1-18 and 26-48 under the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,983,046.

Claims 20-24 and 49 stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 1-5 and 22 in U.S. Patent No. 6,983,046. Responsive thereto, Applicant has canceled claims 20-24 and 49, thereby overcoming the objection to those claims.

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or §102(e) by Jacob (U.S. Patent No. 3,905,203), Seksaria (U.S. Patent No. 5,124,191), or Brown (U.S. Publication No. US20030097806). Responsive thereto, Applicant has canceled claim 19, which was indicated as allowable, and incorporated the limitation of claim 19 into claim 18. Applicant accordingly respectfully submits claim 18 is now patentable over Jacob, Seksaria, or Brown.

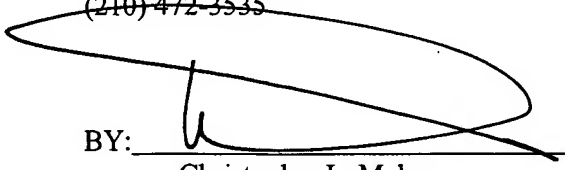
Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by Young (U.S. Patent No. 5,818,730). However, claims 26, 32, and 37, which depend from claim 25, have been indicated as allowable. Applicant accordingly has canceled claim 25 and rewritten claims 26, 32, and 37 in independent form. Applicant therefore respectfully submits the above-recited rejection of claim 25 is now moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims and further earnestly solicits early allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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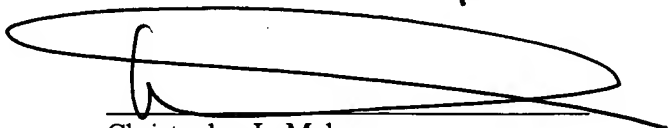
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